

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action of February 14, 2006, in which all twenty (20) pending claims were rejected on double patenting grounds based upon Applicant's earlier issued patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,755,231. Claim 20 was additionally rejected on Section 112 grounds. Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application following this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith, please find enclosed a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. It is accompanied by a check to cover the 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) filing fee in the amount of \$65.00 for a small entity. Further, claim 20 has been amended to recite that it is a method claim that depends on the method of claim 19, but is separate and apart therefrom.

Based on the foregoing, all claims should now be in condition for allowance, and that action is respectfully requested. If any formal matters remain for resolution, the Primary Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel at the number listed below for authority in the use of an Examiner's Amendment.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing paper has been deposited **May 15, 2006**, with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia

22313-1450, which is a date prior to the expiration of the set period, as extended if necessary because the date of May 14, 2006 was a Sunday, and I therefore assert timely filing of the foregoing paper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.8.

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